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Statement Re Microsoft Settlement:

As a personal and corporate consumer of Microsoft products, please accept this message as my support for the Department of Justice to settle your case against Microsoft as quickly as possible. I have never felt harmed by Microsoft's business practices. I do not believe that consumers in general have been harmed by Microsoft's business practices. In fact, on balance I believe consumers have greatly benefited from Microsoft's innovation and creativity.

The sooner both Microsoft and its competitors can get this case behind them, the quicker they can turn their full attention to developing and marketing innovative products at competitive prices.

Oregonians have been hit harder by the current recession than most Americans. Oregon currently has the highest unemployment rate in the nation. I and countless thousands of other Oregon investors own shares of Microsoft either directly or indirectly through mutual funds and retirement accounts. The sooner the Department of Justice case against Microsoft is settled, the sooner market uncertainty around its shares will subside. This can only be good for Oregon's faltering economy. Investors who see the risk in their portfolios decline are more likely to engage in new economic activity, put more people to work, etc.

Thank you for considering my remarks in regard to the Microsoft case.

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